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SUBJ: BRAZIL AND BOLIVIA STRENGTHEN TIES

1. VISIT OF BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GIBSON BARBOSA TO BOLIVIA
JULY 8-11 RESULTED IN A SERIES OF AGREEMENTS WHICH GREATLY
STRENGTHEN THEIR EXISTING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TIES. PRINCIPAL
POINTS CONTAINED IN THE JOINT DECLARATION SIGNED BY GIBSON AND
BOLIVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GUTIERREZ PROVIDE FOR BRAZILIAN
CONSTRUCTION OF A STEEL MILL ON BOLIVIAN TERRITORY, WHILE BOLIVIA
AGREES TO SUPPLY BRAZIL WITH 240 MILLION CUBIC FEET OF NATURAL
GAS PER DAY OVER A 20 YEAR PERIOD. A HIGH-LEVEL BOLIVIAN DELEGATION
WILL TRAVEL TO BRAZIL SHORTLY TO NEGOTIATE THE DETAILS OF THESE AND
OTHER ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS. EQUALLY IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, WAS ATMOSPHERE
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OF FRIENDSHIP AND BROAD POLITICAL ACCORD WHICH PERVADED ENTIRE VISIT.

BOTH GIBSON AND GUTIERREZ MADE NUMEROUS STATEMENTS ATTESTING TO THEIR DESIRE FOR EXPANSION OF EXISTING BOLIVIAN-BRAZILIAN TIES IN ALL AREAS OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION.

2. OTHER SIGNIFICANT POINTS OF AGREEMENT CONTAINED IN THE JOINT DECLARATION SIGNED ON JULY 10 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

--SUPPORT FOR INCREASED CONTACT BETWEEN BRAZIL AND THE ANDEAN PACT NATIONS, AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROGRESS OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION;

--CONTINUED STUDY OF THE EXPANSION OF EXISTING HIGHWAY LINKAGES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES;

--FURTHER STUDY OF THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY LINK BETWEEN SANTOS, BRAZIL AND ARICA, CHILE;

--SUPPORT THE RECENT EXPANSION OF TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS FOR NEW MEASURES TO PERMIT A RAPID EXPANSION AND DIVERSIFICATION OF THEIR EXPORTS; THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO UNDERTAKE MARKETING STUDIES OF THE COMMERCIAL PROSPECTS FOR BOLIVIAN PRODUCTS WITHIN BRAZIL;

--DESIRING TO INCREASE TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS SIGNED A BASIC AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION;

--THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREED TO STUDY THE ELIMINATION OF DOUBLE TAXATION, AS WELL AS THE POSSIBLE BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED FROM THE FORMATION OF MIXED ENTERPRISES;

--AGREEING THAT ADDITIONAL USE OF ATLANTIC PORTS FOR THE EXPORT OF BOLIVIAN PRODUCTS COULD CONTRIBUTE TO BOLIVIA'S DEVELOPMENT, THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR THE GREATER UTILIZATION OF THE FREE WAREHOUSE FACILITIES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO BOLIVIA IN THE BRAZILIAN PORTS OF BELEM, PORTO BELHO, CORUMBA AND SANTOS.

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